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Report for the Month of September 1958

1. The JASIC Economic Working Group, chaired by Chief D/M, continued the meetings begun in August.

2. During his forthcoming recruiting trip to the West Coast, Chief, D/M, will hold discussions with [REDACTED] regarding a

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proposed external research project on Communist Chinese agriculture.

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3. [REDACTED] M/AG. is taking advantage of his visit to [REDACTED] to survey

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[REDACTED] research facilities with respect to a proposed external research project on Soviet agriculture.

4. M/FM has experienced difficulty in obtaining translations from FDD within a reasonable time. This is particularly true of Russian language articles which concern the European Satellite and USSR sections of the branch. For example, on 15 November 1957, Translation Request No. R-1697 was issued covering three articles on the USSR steel industry from Stal' No.11, November 1957 -- a total of 23 pages. To date these translations have not been received. On 18 November 1957 Translation Request No. R-1704 was issued. This request covered 4 articles in Russian, also from Stal' No.11, November 1957 as follows:

(1) Growth of the Metallurgical Industry in East Germany - 4 pages

(2) Ferrous Metallurgy, Poland - 3 pages

(3) Growth of the Metallurgical Industry in the Peoples Republic of Rumania - 3 pages

(4) Status and prospective Growth of Ferrous Metallurgy, Czechoslovakia - 9 pages

M/FM and St/I/D have made numerous inquiries of FDD about these translations. Each time a new delivery date is promised for these 42 pages of translation -- the latest being 26 September 1958. Up to the present none of these translations have been received.

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